

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
MAXTEL USA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )  
SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
CERTIFICATE OF  
AUTHORITY  
  
TC01-011**

On January 31, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Maxtel USA, Inc. (Maxtel).

Maxtel proposes to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Maxtel. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 1, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 16, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 21, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Maxtel's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Maxtel not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Maxtel has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Maxtel has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Maxtel's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Maxtel not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Maxtel's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective March 31, 2001, subject to the condition that Maxtel not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Maxtel shall file informational copies of tariff changes

with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February, 2001.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner